

March 15, 2002

Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 W. Washington
Boise, ID 83702-5983

Attention: Ms. Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

**Re: Case No. PAC-E-02-3
PacifiCorp's Petition To Initiate Investigation of Inter-Jurisdictional Issues
Nomination of Special Master**

PacifiCorp's Application in Case No. PAC-E-02-3 stated that, no later than March 15, 2002, PacifiCorp would nominate an independent Special Master to facilitate and arbitrate the multistate process.

By this letter, PacifiCorp nominates Robert I. Hanfling to be Special Master.

This nomination follows a substantial selection process. PacifiCorp solicited suggestions from parties that had been participating in PacifiCorp's SRP dockets in the various states. In total, thirteen names were suggested. PacifiCorp evaluated the suggested individuals based on the following ten criteria:

- Demonstrated people skills
- Demonstrated ability to quickly and creatively resolve complex issues
- Demonstrated ability to make decisions in an environment of conflict
- Knowledge of the electricity industry
- Availability
- Not previously employed by any MSP participant
- Not identified with any particular industry perspective (utility, Commission, consumer)
- Not identified with any participating state
- No negative history with any major MSP participant
- Ability to engender respect so that Final Report has credibility and legitimacy

Based on these criteria, PacifiCorp identified four finalists. Each of the finalists were interviewed by telephone. The final selection was based on all of the available information.

Mr. Hanfling is exceptionally well qualified to be Special Master. He served as the chief advisor to Secretary of Energy Hazel O'Leary's transition team. Under former Presidents Carter and Ford, Mr. Hanfling served in a variety of positions of substantial responsibility. More recently, Mr. Hanfling was bankruptcy trustee for the Colorado-Ute Electricity Association, the largest public utility bankruptcy at the time. He is a top management consultant whose practice includes business reorganization, conflict resolution, and corporate strategy. Mr. Hanfling has never been employed by PacifiCorp, either as an employee or as a consultant. Further information regarding Mr. Hanfling's background and experience is attached to this letter.

Mr. Hanfling has indicated that he is interested in this assignment and is available, subject to being able to adjust some of the dates in PacifiCorp's proposed schedule.

Questions regarding this nomination may be directed to me at 503-813-6043.

Very truly yours,

Andrea Kelly
Director, Major Issues

Enclosure

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
PAC-E-02-3**

I hereby certify that on this 15th day of March, 2002, I caused a copy of the foregoing document to be served upon the following via United States mail, postage prepaid, at the addresses indicated below:

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